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PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A MICRO-)
STRUCTURED OPTICAL FIBRE)

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Laid-Open (KOKAI) Patent Publication No. 06-067040 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

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2. French Patent Publication No. 2 657 556

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, also enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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